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Ms. Elana Broitman joined the Department of Defense (DoD) in 2013 as Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy. In March of 2014 Ms. Broitman was named as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the same office. Ms. Broitman serves as the Principal point of contact in an office responsible for matters relating to the defense industrial base, including industrial capabilities and assessments; defense industry mergers, acquisitions and consolidation; preservation of essential industries and technologies; and other related matters.

Prior to joining DoD, Ms. Broitman spent 10 years on Capitol Hill and 9 years in private industry. From 2009 to 2013, Ms. Broitman served as the Senior Advisor to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, supporting her on the Senate Armed Services Committee, where she chairs the Personnel Subcommittee; in foreign policy matters as the Senator had served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and with cybersecurity legislation and policy. Ms. Broitman wrote and managed inclusion of cybersecurity provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and the Senate's omnibus cybersecurity legislation. She worked with a number of New York State academic and business institutions in the nanotechnology, anti-counterfeiting, directed energy and rare earth sectors.

Ms. Broitman's prior government experience included serving as Counsel to the House International Relations Committee (HIRC), and Senior Rule of Law Advisor, Europe & Newly Independent States at USAID. Among her responsibilities at HIRC, Ms. Broitman managed the reauthorization of the Export Administration Act and the State Department authorization. In her experience with USAID, Ms. Broitman served in D.C. overseeing rule of law reform in all of the former Soviet States, and in Kyrgyzstan, where she led the privatization of the agricultural sector.

In the private sector, Ms. Broitman worked at Register.com, a leading domain name registrar, where she testified before the House Commerce and Judiciary Committees regarding intellectual property and Internet policy, and the European Commission regarding Internet competition, and represented the company at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN). While at Register.com, she also led a 10-person business and technology unit, which launched a new domain product and completed a merger with a British firm. Prior to that, Ms. Broitman worked in international policy at Pfizer, focusing on intellectual property matters in the Asian and European markets. Ms. Broitman began her career as an antitrust and corporate attorney with Arnold & Porter.

Ms. Broitman speaks, reads and writes Russian and German (proficient).